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The College Celebrates Black History Month

SJC students and faculty sponsor a variety of activities in remembrance of the significance of black culture in our society.

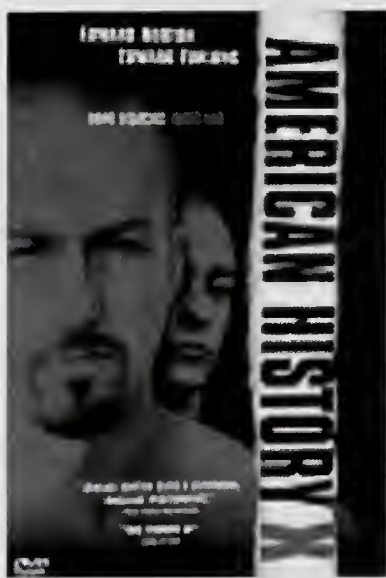
In celebration of Black History Month, Saint Joseph's College has organized a variety of events that are open not only to the members of the college campus, but the Rensselaer community as well.

A 30 minute prayer service was held on Monday, Feb. 11 in the College chapel. The service provided a chance for the college community to reflect on the Christian attitude of tolerance and the significance of Black History Month for all cultures.

Tuesday evening art professor Bonnie Zimmer and Susan Chattin co-hosted an African art exhibit in the Shen Auditorium. Zimmer and Chattin selected pieces from their personal collections and explained their significance in black culture.

Measure, the College's creative arts club, held an open reading Wednesday night in Cupo'Joe's. Club members and other interested participants brought short stories, poems or essays written by their favorite black authors, or read a piece that promotes a message of tolerance and unity.

Sara Post
Editor



The Student Union Board will host "American History X," a movie that dramatizes the struggle of an ex-shinhead who tries to rescue his younger brother

from becoming a member of a Neo-Nazi organization. The film will be shown on Monday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Shen Auditorium. The following night at 7 p.m. in the Shen Auditorium, an ex-shinhead will make a presentation relating to the movie's theme. The presentation is sponsored by Diversity Coalition, academic affairs, and the English department.

Professor Maia Kingman believes that such events are needed to remember key people and events in black history.

"Institutions of higher education need to be leaders in making sure these stories and histories are remembered," she commented. "This year, St. Joseph's College is sponsoring activities that remember those histories as well as activities that consider the challenges that African-Americans currently face in our society ... If we lose the stories of African-American leaders, sacrifices, and achievement, we lose a part of our identity as Americans."

Information courtesy of Bree Ma'Aytech

2003-2004 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship Applications Available

Applications for the 2003-2004 Rotary Foundation Scholarships to be awarded worldwide are now available from the Rensselaer Rotary Club.

The scholarships, which are designed to further international understanding and goodwill, provide for study abroad in more than 160 countries where Rotary clubs are located. Some 1,200 scholarships of various types will be available from clubs worldwide. One scholarship is available in the northern Indiana region.

During their studies abroad, Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars act as "Ambassadors of Goodwill." Through appearances before Rotary clubs and districts, schools, civic organizations, and other forums, the scholars represent their homelands and work to further international understanding.

Academic Year Ambassadorial Scholarships are for one academic year abroad and provide for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room, board, some educational supplies, and language training if necessary.

Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships are flat grants that cover the cost of a degree programs in other countries for two years. Also available are Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships that provide funding for three to six months of intensive language study and cultural immersion in another country.

The Rensselaer Rotary Club is allowed to select candidates from students currently enrolled at St. Joseph's College and any student enrolled at an accredited college or university whose permanent address is in the southern half of Jasper County.

Completed applications are due by April 1, 2002 to the local scholarship chairman. Applications may also be downloaded from www.rotary.org

For more information:

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The Core Building Becomes an Art Gallery

The Prairie Arts Council and Saint Joseph's College present the Ninth Annual Regional School Art Exhibitions. Sunday, Feb. 3, marked the opening reception of the three month long show to be held in the lobby of Saint Joseph's College Core Education Building.

The exhibition will be presented in three parts. The first, currently on display, represents the work of elementary students grades one through five.

"The Exhibition is a celebration of the creativity of these students," said Bonnie Zimmer, the executive coordinator of the Exhibition. "Not only do the students enjoy having their work displayed, but it is a great way to promote the arts in the community."

All schools from Newton and Jasper counties were invited to submit art and were asked to choose 35 pieces they felt were exceptional. The art chosen for display, ranging from drawings and paintings to clay

sculptures and weavings, was arranged for display by area art teachers. More than 400 works of art were submitted and will remain on display throughout



the month of February.

The second portion of the three month show will begin on March 3, and will be devoted to the works of middle school students. The final portion will showcase the works of high school students and will begin April 7.

All students who have artwork chosen for display will receive awards of merit. For the middle school and high school shows a panel of judges will review the works. A select number of students from each division will be presented with awards of Honorable Mention and Awards of Excellence. Those who receive the Awards of Excellence will also be presented with a \$250 scholarship from St. Joseph's College that will be proved valid should the student continue his or her education at SJC.

Overall more than a thousand works of art will be displayed representing the work of more than 400 students.

Sara Post
Editor

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WHY COED HOUSING IS IMPORTANT TO SJC

Two years ago, I recommended that the faculty Student Life Committee and the student Senate support a change in SJC policy that would provide more housing options, particularly coed housing. Recently, Dean of Students John Keller asked me to present my research to a student Task Force on Housing, and to a student forum. Here is a fast summary of my conclusions.

Coed housing is well known to student development administrators for promoting maturity and community. Four decades of experience at many hundreds of schools, including small Catholic liberal arts colleges have demonstrated that coed housing promotes a positive campus culture. College administrators weren't thinking of that when they first began coed housing 40 years ago, they were simply responding to '60s student activism.

Colleges began to tentatively try it, although fearful that sexual promiscuity would be a major outcome – it wasn't. In fact, increases in sexual activity are not associated with coed housing; if there is a correlation at all, it would be a slight *decrease* in cohabitation. As you (students) know, and as far as we (administrators) can tell, our single-sex housing policy at SJC does not inhibit sex at all. By the way, at Notre Dame, sex with a partner is grounds for dismissal; should we also write that into our Puma Guide? This would be a good topic for discussion

David Weed
Associate Dean for Counseling and Health Services

in Core, would it not?

Here is what I have read. If you would like the sources, please send me your name and I will e-mail you an attachment with my presentation to the Task Force that includes my references and a bibliography.

"Benefits of coed housing have been found to include increased interpersonal competence and sensitivity toward others, more mature and less destructive behavior (especially by men), less noise, more interest in community and cultural activities, and fewer one-to-one dates, and more informal group activities."

"This study did conclude that coed housing was preferable in terms of its impact on the socialization process. [Researchers] noted that coeducational living is advocated as a *vital component* (my emphasis) of residential education on the basis of students' developmental needs."

"Living in coed halls appears to have a positive effect on developing student's maturity level...The research clearly indicates that residents in coed halls are more satisfied with their living environment than in single sex halls."

"In coed halls there appeared to be more cross-sex friendships and less stereotypical attitudes toward the opposite sex."

"Evidence suggests that students living in coeducational residence halls have more informal and friendship-type social involvement with members of the

other gender than students living in single-sex residence halls, and this has potential for reducing stereotypical gender-role perceptions."

"In just about every way, coeducational halls are better. Students in coed halls, compared to those in segregated halls, have a greater sense of community and more actively participate in hall programs. They also report greater satisfaction with their social lives, have more informal social interaction in the living environment, and are less likely to perceive the other sex in terms of traditional sex-role stereotypes."

"First-year men should be placed only in coeducational settings and not segregated due to the lack of emotional support and heightened competitiveness men create in all-male halls, plus the more nurturing and innovative nature of an environment where men and women share space together."

My own conclusion is that, as a Catholic college with a special interest in a value-centered education, we should augment our academic programs with an enhanced living environment. Coeducation would be a major enhancement. Single-sex housing for males without corrective or supportive supervision *almost guarantees* the problems we have now.

THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM....

Sterotypically speaking most males tend to be homophobic. However they have no problem slapping each other on the butt, say for athletic reasons.

So if its okay to touch one anothers rear end, how come you feel your sexuality is threatened if you compliment another guy's appearance? I promise no one will think less of your manhood.

Why is that sometimes I feel like I attend college with my mother? There are some students who care way too much about others. They worry about what I wear to class or who I go to lunch with. Is my life that fascinating?

Why is that people find no problem swapping spit with their significant other, yet get grossed out with double-dipping?

Ashamed to be a Puma

*If you don't have something nice to say,
don't say anything at all*

As a senior I've seen a lot of things in the last four years, but for the first time ever I saw something which actually made me ashamed to be a Puma, and extremely pissed at the behavior of my fellow students. Although this was an isolated incident, or so I thought, now that I think about it, it was a despicable juvenile display of an attitude that permeates St. Joe.

I was in the stands during half time of the January 1st men's basketball game. The color guard was going to perform, and as they came on the court they were mocked, yelled at and made the subject of otherwise embarrassing and rude verbal comments. They performed, and to their credit did a nice show despite the fact that they were all probably self-conscious and aggravated.

Although I can't name names, you know who you are and I know that, unfortunately, a number of you represent SJC sports teams. If it was in my power I would ensure that you

are subjected to some sort of reprimand by the coaches or the athletic directors. And coaches and athletic directors, I know you are not omnipresent babysitters or that you should be responsible for teaching your teams proper manners and professional conduct. But perhaps you should jog their memories and do a quick checklist or run a play of polite and courteous behavior. Your teams are representing St. Joe, do you want audiences witnessing this offensive behavior?

It's truly a sad thing to think that people have come so far in the world without realizing that we are all different people with different talents, aspirations and abilities. Sports aren't everything, and believe it or not, just because someone doesn't play one doesn't mean that they are totally devoid of talent. If you can't respect how someone else displays their talents then at least keep your mouth shut and we'll keep our mouths shut about your less than stellar record last season.

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would like to
wish all our
readers a
Happy
Valentine's
Day!*

Mock Trial Team puts SJC on the Map

Nick Schafer
Editor

Saint Joseph's College does not have an over abundance of Academic teams that compete on a national scale, but where Puma's lack numbers, they make up for in results. Under the leadership of Seniors Maura Giles, Bree Ma'Ayteh, Junior Don Shuler and faculty sponsor David Delauro, the SJC Mock Trial team entered regional competition at Weber State University in Salt Lake City, Utah. Their performance in Salt Lake earned the team a qualifying spot at this year's National Tournament in Miami, Florida.

This year's team was a unique blend of strong upper classmen leader-

ship, mixed with the fresh outlook of many first year members. Filling out the roster for this year's team are a diverse group of freshman: Michael Barry, Sarah Wells, Renee Pugh, Jacob Lofgren and Daniel Gibson.

In addition to qualifying for the

Florida tournament, three members of the team were recognized for outstanding performances. Senior Maura Giles was recognized with a 4th place rating in the *Outstanding Witness* competition, and freshman Sarah Wells was recognized with a 10th place award in the same category. Junior Don Shuler tied for 11th place in the *Outstanding Attorney* competition.

The competition this year revolved



David Delauro, the mock trial faculty sponsor, presents president Ernest Mills with the team's trophy.

Photos courtesy of Bree Ma'Ayteh

"When we first started we did not work well together and some of us were quite shy. As the practices progressed we began to loosen up and have a good time," said Daniel Gibson. "We bonded and became comfortable together," agreed fellow teammate Mike Barry.

Once in Utah the teams faced experienced teams from such universities as the Air Force Academy, Adams State, Rice, Arizona State and the University of Texas. Each round the team prepared mentally by reminding themselves that although they were there to do their best, the main goal was to have fun. And they did.

As the veteran members, look back on this year's team, their reflections all speak to the bright future of SJC's most successful Academic team. "Besides winning more awards every year, the Mock Trial team has developed a close community of Puma pride and intellect. It becomes a more diverse group of students every year with a variety of majors," Senior Maura Giles.

Though the group has proven themselves at the regional tournament, they are preparing for their up coming competition. Even in the height of their excitement the team has remained focused on their next objective, Nationals. Junior Don Shuler had this to say about the teams' next tournament,

"I was pleased with the teams progres-

sion from round to round, especially with so many freshman. In Florida, we are going to find some very difficult teams, but I think that we will be competitive."

Star witness Sarah Wells looks forward to the future of the Mock Trial team, "I feel for the team having five freshman [out of a total eight] this year, we did really well...I am really excited about going to Florida for the National Mock Trial Competition in April!"

The teams coach David Delauro, presented President Ernest Mills with this years trophy with the hopes of adding another after the April competition.

*The Observer Staff
wishes the Mock
Trial Team the best
of luck in Florida!*



WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

Your SJC Student
Union Board
presents...

I Hate Winter Week!

Wednesday~

The Dating Game

Thursday~

"Outcast"

Sunday~

The band *Domestic Problems*

All events for this week
will take place in the
Ballroom at 8 p.m.

Musical Tryouts!

Anyone who is
interested in trying out
for this years musical,
"Once Upon a Mattress"
should come to audi-
tions on Feb. 19th and
20th at 7 p.m.

SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE REMEMBERS THE STRUGGLE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS



As African-American History Month advances, it is important to remember those who have come before us. Many brave and dedicated men, women and children struggled and endured many great hardships for the civil rights that many take for granted. In their memory may we all remember that intolerance and hatred have no place in any civilized society.



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Roger Knouff: Pulling His Weight

Have you ever watched him? The way he walks or scoots across the dining room? Have you ever watched him work? Maybe you haven't given it a second thought. Maybe you thought the first glance was enough. Watch him. Watch him hoist milk into the machines. You might think fifty pounds of milk isn't much, but lifting it every day for 40 years would take its toll on any man.

Since 1961, cafeteria employee Roger Knouff has worked for St. Joseph's College. His smile is even painted on the mural in the Halleck Center, a mural that illustrates the history of the college. Indeed, Roger is a part of the college's history. He has seen a lot of things; he has watched a lot of students come and go.

This is my senior year at Saint Joseph's College, but it is also my eighth year as a café employee. Since my freshman year in high school, the café has been a second home to me, and although at times I may complain about my job, I am glad I have it. I have met a man to admire. Roger Knouff has been there every step of the way. He is not the only one who has been sticking it out through the years, and there are others who have been dedicated to the college or to its kitchen for decades. However, I feel, and without a doubt I am certain he does too, that Roger is the most overlooked. I am writing this article for two reasons. The first is for Roger, to let him know that he is not unappreciated. The second is to point out to all of you, what exactly he does for you.

I know you have all seen him, his ear-to-ear smile or his silly antics. The man is silly, but he knows how to have fun. He'll remove his hat and grin, as if proud of his shiny, hairless head. He uses his mop as a guitar to tease me about Elvis, and sometimes pretends to be a bird, flapping his arms as if to fly away. He vents like the rest of us, occasionally blowing off steam, but he never really complains about what he has to do. He takes every hand dealt to him in stride. In his usual response to his workload, he often explains, "I don't know whether I'm coming or going."

He asks a million questions about each duty, making sure he knows exactly what to do, but never asks the question, "Why?" Perhaps his down-

Michael Potts
Reporter



fall is that he is so dedicated to his job. But if it is his downfall, it is everyone else's good-fortune. Though he may push the limits of silliness, he takes his job very seriously, and I assure you that the café runs far more efficiently with him than without him.

Back in the kitchen, most of us appreciate Roger. We know what he does, but have all of you taken the time to appreciate him? He sweeps and the mops the floors every night, even though we will bring back the dirt the next day. He wouldn't think of letting anyone go thirsty, and he is always there to change an empty milk container or fill the juice container. Roger breaks his neck to serve you. He helps at every game, to load and unload anything needed for the concession stands, often times making several trips back and forth before the buzzer sounds. And there is of course, Core XI, where so many of us go to relax. Meanwhile, Roger works, especially on those busy nights downstairs. He is always there when needed, when Core XI runs out of something, or forgets something. He is there when the partying is over, to mop the floors and prepare the

bar for another night of fun. It is easy for us to think that we work hard studying, taking tests, and writing papers, but we are not the only ones who work. Many people receive credit for work when it is undeserved, while there are others who are overlooked when that credit is being served up. People like Roger Knouff.

I think we all can agree that working in the café is not anyone's life-long ambition. Roger tells me to "get out and be somebody," for he has his share of regrets. But a man without regrets, I suppose, wouldn't be much of a man; we all have them. The only difference is, how we live with them. Roger does a pretty good job.

So, the next time you see Roger, take the time to offer him a smile or a hello. It would brighten the day of someone who is always there to brighten them for others. When Roger Knouff is wondering whether he's "coming or going," let him know you hope he doesn't come or go, but instead finds a place somewhere in between. Let him know you hope he stays right where he is.

Know someone who deserves recognition? If so please email Susan at shg3609@saintjoe.edu

In With The New: *SUB Vets Welcome New Faces*

They knew it would be a lot of work, but they also knew that they could make a difference. Therefore, seven students joined Student Union Board and have brought fresh ideas to the group, which is anchored by only three returning members.

"I love having new members because they bring in new ideas and don't want to do it the way we have always done it," said Sarah Sikkema, Homecoming and Little 500 chairperson.

According to the new Spirit and Decoration chair Jackie Whan, the new board members come with new ideas that lead to new events.

"We have a new game show similar to Survivor for "I Hate Winter Week" that is replacing the old Suitcase Party," Whan said. "The winner of this game gets a trip to the Caribbean. A lot of ideas have been tossed around for a lot of things and everyone is very open to everything."

Though SUB requires a lot of hours on behalf of the board members, the club is a good one to be involved in, according to SUB Director Amy Buckbee.

"I have been a part of SUB since my freshmen year, and I love it!" Buckbee said. "I am planning on going to graduate school to be a part of students activities for a career. The most rewarding part is seeing the campus enjoy events and attend them."

SUB members are required to attend every event the club plans. Sikkema said this might entail putting three to twelve hours a week into SUB. For new members, this time sacrifice can be daunting at times.

"We have a one-hour meeting once a week, and we are all respon-

sible for dedicating at least one hour a week to doing work in the SUB office," new films chair Rebecca Scherer said. "Aside from that, there is planning and attending events. All in all, I would say not a day goes by that I don't do at least something for SUB."

Though SUB has many fresh faces this semester, Whan believes the group works well together and will accomplish a lot.

"It's a unique blend of people, people I probably wouldn't have really had a chance to get to know if it weren't for SUB," she said. "But I think that we have proven that we work well together. We are all very motivated within our own positions as well as with the board in general."

SUB has undergone a complete face-lift this year, adding not only new board members, but also a new faculty advisor at the beginning of the year, Dottie Collura. Yet, according to Secretary Angie Quartuccio, the new board members appreciate Collura.

"Dottie is great!" Quartuccio said. "You couldn't ask for a better 'mother' at school."

With so many new board members, it remains to be seen what changes SUB will bring. However, the board members have plans for improvement on campus.

"I would just like to see more students coming to the events," Whan said. "We are looking at ways to attract new and more people to the events. There is stuff to do on this campus. We have some great programs coming up and I just hope we can draw more students."

Susan Huss
Features Editor

Living the Fourth: A History of Kairos Continues at SJC

Colleen Flynn
Reporter

Kairos has become one of the most popular retreats on campus. This retreat holds many mysteries for individuals who have not attended; however, Kairos alumni believe that this event was valuable to themselves and to many of their relationships with others.

Mike Eckhardt stated, "The particular reasons why someone should go on Kairos are infinite. Whether it is just to get away from school for a couple days with no distractions, or that someone might be going through a rough time in their life, or possibly their spirituality isn't what they would like it to be. Those are just a few of the reasons. But Kairos is all about the individual. Maybe someone might be very in touch with himself or herself, or maybe that inner relationship has become a bit frayed. Regardless of the situation, Kairos gives a chance to define that relationship with one's 'self' and to do it with God's help. This retreat has reached out to many individuals over the course of years since it began here on Saint Joseph's campus."

In November of 1986, Kairos I was held at Saint Joseph's College. Students who had been on Kairos during their high school years thought that it would be a valuable addition to what Campus Ministry had to offer. The team for the first Kairos included: Doug Daulton '89, Karen Johnson '89, Mike Momper '90, Kevin O'Shaughnessy '89, Frannie McVeigh '88, Carla Veneziano '88, Nina Kasch '88. Sister Donna Liette, C.P.P.S., Fr. Ben Berinti, C.P.P.S., and Campus Life Director Val Sperka were also members of the first team. Fr. Ben Berinti truly believed that Kairos could have a great effect on the student body of Saint Joseph's. "If this works here, it could really change the institution and Campus Ministry," he said.

Kairos alumnus David McNelis believes that Kairos was valuable to his college career. He said, "Kairos is a chance to get to know people that you might not normally associate with and it gives you the opportunity to [begin] positive relationships with them. I can't really say what is so special about it, because it's a lot like being in love: you can talk about it all you want, but you don't understand it until you experience it. Kairos let me get to know both myself and some of my peers better. I found things that I had in common with people where I thought I was the only person who had been through certain things."

Kairos XXXII will take place March 21-24, and is being led by Mike Eckhardt and junior Sarah Hachey. Hachey is very excited for the upcoming Kairos. She stated, "Kairos is a great experience that will allow you to build or deepen your relationship to God, friends, and family. You are able to leave the busyness of college life for four days to reflect on yourself and your relationships. It is amazing to see the changes that happen both during the preparations with the team and on the actual retreat."

Any students that are interested in attending a Kairos retreat should contact Tim Hemm for further details.

Busy Students Retreat: Taking Time Out for God

Katie Davet
Reporter

Would you be willing to spend five hours to snap your life back into focus? That is just what 15 students did from Jan. 27 to Jan. 30 by attending the Busy Student's Retreat. This retreat was geared towards students who have hectic schedules and needed to set aside time to develop their relationship with God. All SJC students were welcomed to attend.

The retreatants chose which director to meet with, but each director could only have three or four retreatants to speak to. The five directors, Rev. Dennis Chriszt C.P.P.S., Tim Hemm C.P.P.S., philosophy/religion professor Robert Reuter, Sister Marie Langhals, and Sister Marla Gipson, were very pleased to see how the retreatants grew in their spiritual faith.

"Each time I am more and more grateful to God for the opportunities I've been given to spend time here on campus with young men and women who are so obviously blessed by God..." said Chriszt.

During the retreat, each participant was required to spend at least 30 minutes each day meditating on previously selected scripture passages. In addition to the daily scripture reflection, another 30 minutes was spent in a daily meeting with his/her director. Each student was also encouraged to reflect on the day's reading. At the end of each day, the retreatants would spend time in the chapel in reflective prayer. The retreat came to a close with a mass celebrated by Chriszt. All retreatants were encouraged to attend.

The retreat offered students an opportunity to step back, slow down, and look at life from a different perspective.

"This has been a great experience for me. I always enjoy talking to one of the spiritual directors. They help me to orientate myself in my search for God. I think that this retreat can improve anyone's spirituality no matter what denomination they are. The directors are clergy or religious of the Catholic faith, but I believe that other Christians would not be hindered by that in their quest for God," said freshmen participant Mark Merchant.

The participants found that the retreat was a useful tool to relax and reflect on God.

"The Busy Students Retreat has helped me to slow down and take a few minutes out of each day to be with God. God should be a part of our lives every day, not just on Sundays," said junior Nick Schafer.

The next Busy Students Retreat will take place in the fall of 2002.

Career Center Connections

Kelli Bridges
Reporter

"Employers expect to hire 20% fewer new graduates in the 2001-2002 school year than in 2000-2001." - Job Outlook 2002

We are still feeling the aftermath of September 11 and as a result, seniors entering the job market are having a difficult time finding jobs. So what does this mean?

This means that if you are a senior and have not started looking for a job, then YOU ARE BEHIND! The competition for finding a job is a lot tougher now, and to land the job you want, you need to make your job search a priority. Employers are expecting to hire 20% fewer new graduates, and 30% of employers say they will hire fewer experienced employees. Some say they are not changing the amount of new grads they hire, but changing the way they recruit. Employers are utilizing resume databases sponsored by college/university career services offices, viewing online career portfolios, conducting telephone interviews, and performing interviews by videoconferencing.

Does this have you gritting your teeth and ready to pull out your hair? Well, there is hope; employers are hoping they will be able to do more hiring during the spring. They say job opportunities still exist, just not as many as in recent years. One third say they will hire more new graduates, and two out of five companies expect to hire as many college graduates as they did last year.

Degrees that will be in most demand as projected by employers are:

- o Electrical Engineering
- o Computer Science
- o Accounting
- o Business Administration/Management
- o Mechanical Engineering
- o Economics/Finance
- o Management Information Systems
- o Information Sciences & Systems
- o Marketing/Marketing Management
- o Computer Engineering

*Data is for bachelor's degree candidates.

Source: Job Outlook 2002, National Association of Colleges and Employers
Hiring cuts are the largest for companies who hired large numbers of graduates last year. The hiring outlook is worst for manufacturers, who expect to hire a third fewer new college graduates. The service industry doesn't look good either; college hiring is expected to be down by 24.2%. Communication companies, automotive and mechanical equipment manufacturers, and financial services firms expect hiring for their businesses to be fair or poor. On the other hand, government/nonprofit organizations envisage a 20.5% increase in college hiring. Engineering/surveying firms, federal government agencies, and public accounting firms project their hiring status to be good. Companies showing the most promise for spring hiring are engineering/surveying companies, merchandising firms, food and beverage processing manufacturers, and federal, state, and local government agencies.

So what do employers expect of college graduates? Here are some tips from employers:

* Research, research, research. Be prepared with information about the company - its culture, historical success, and financial information. Employers like it when candidates ask intelligent questions and can speak about a company's history.

* Start early and hang in there. The job market is much more competitive now than it has been in the past. Use this time to meet recruiters and polish your networking skills. Attend career fairs, information sessions, and sign-up for on-campus interviews. When recruiters have jobs, they will remember you.

* Use the career services office. Some employers recruit exclusively through a college's career services office. So head to the Career Center on second Halleck to see Barb Robertson!

* Get experience. Students who have more work experience are steps ahead of other students. Employers value students who have gained real world experiences through internships and co-ops.

Top 10 places employers find new hires

1. Organization's internship program
2. Employee referrals
3. Career/job fairs
4. On-campus recruiting
5. Internet job postings (own company web site)
6. Organization's co-op program
7. Internet job postings (commercial career web site)
8. Faculty contacts
9. Internet job postings (campus web site)
10. Student organizations/clubs

Perhaps this information will ease your worries about finding a job and make you aware of the challenges graduating seniors are facing. If you do not have a job yet, time is wasting, so get busy searching!

Source: <http://www.jobweb.com/joboutlook/competition.com>

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Men's Basketball: A Callout to Support the Team

Patrick Smith
Reporter

The SJC Men's Basketball Team does tremendous things like beat Southern Indiana and lose to teams like Parkside, a team they should have beat. Greg Muller said, "We had high expectations this year, and things just have not clicked. Injuries of Brent Mason and Corey Seegers put a burden on the shoulders of every teammate on the squad to work beyond 110 percent; this season has been plagued with difficulty." Muller steps it up for the games! He is the most efficient three point shooter on the court.

The student body of Saint Joe's need to gather and show up to the games to support the teams. The Feb. 7 game against Northern Kentucky was an upset for Kentucky with a final score of 73-70. Although the Pumas lost to Bellarmine February 7th, with a score of 90-74, our enthusiasm and belief in the Pumas is needed from fans, when they teach SIU

Edwardsville on Feb. 21 a forty minute lesson on how to play Puma Basketball the way PUMAS PLAY!

The Men's Team can still make it in the GLVC Championship Tournament; they are presently two games behind. Good luck this week Pumas! "Refuse To Lose," as good old Lou Holtz says.

I looked in depth at the Pumas who make up the Men's Basketball Team.

Brent Mason is leading the team in points with a near 300 for the season; he could not have done this without the keen court eye of Jamie Holden, who has double the amount of assists as anyone on the team.

Marlin Murphy is awesome on the court and off the court! Marlin has found it within himself to offer a hand to Habitat for Humanity here in

Rensselaer, on the court he is sneaky with almost eighty steals for the season. Hodges Smith and Corey Seger are doing their part providing a high percentage of the season points. The next game is Feb. 14, playing at the University of Southern Indiana. Go get'm Pumas!



Scenes from the home game of Feb. 5th where Pumas lost to Wisconsin-Parkside. The score was 66-80.

Women Bobsledding in the Olympics: An Editorial

Rebecca Scherer
Reporter

Slowly but surely, women have been crawling their way up the ladder of social acceptance and equality. It all started with Suffrage and the 19th Amendment, paving the way to women's right to vote. Then, women began wearing the pants in their relationships, breaking them free of the housewife mold they were trapped in for so long. It's very rare to meet a woman without a job nowadays. All these modern advances bring us to the threshold of where we currently stand today, the brink of a new era in female achievements: the first ever US Olympic women's bobsled team.

Okay, maybe that is a bit extreme. But the women's bobsled team has had to overcome many obstacles, including chauvinism, to make it to where they are today. A lot of struggling had to occur before the women's sport was even considered to be worthy of a slot as an Olympic event.

I think that the story behind the work the women put into their

sport in order to qualify themselves as an event is a very heroic one. It is the picture story of a group of people fighting for what they want. The original team of eight women had to go through a lot to even be taken seriously. Whenever they looked for support, they were haughtily rebuffed. The male bobsled teams did not want to contribute to them for fear that the women's team would take what little they themselves had earned. So, rather than giving up right then and there, the ladies made do with what they had. They rented sleds until they could afford their own, and stayed in an Olympic training center rather than a hotel to save money. One daring soul finally decided to mention

what everyone else had only been brave enough to think: why *shouldn't* the women's team be an Olympic sport? They could slide as fast as the men, and with proper training and equipment, there was absolutely no reason for the team to not go Olympic.

But, following the traditional storyline of overcoming hardships, sup-

port was lukewarm. The ladies' and their few supporters had their sights set on the 2002 Games, but no one else seemed to believe them. The men's bobsled team had very a chauvinistic view about allowing women to share their sport, and was not afraid to show it. For instance, going along with the "common knowledge" that women are weaker than men and therefore need to be accommodated for, the starting point was moved ahead for the women, giving them a head start. This little fiasco almost caused some of the women to quit before they even made it anywhere. But, sticking with their cause through all the hardships, the women will find themselves competing for the first time ever on February 19th.

Be sure to tune in to the Olympic games this month to see this monumental event. The closing ceremony for the Olympics is on Feb. 24. NBC is hosting the televised Olympics, and if you want to catch the men's bobsleigh team as well, their dates are Feb. 16 and 17 for the two-men sleds, and Feb. 21 and 22 for the four-men sleds.

Women have come far in the athletic world, and have proven themselves worthy of the competition. This is just one small step that should have been taken a long time ago in the Olympics, but like they say: Better late than never.



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Puma Profile : Andrea Milliser

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With three weeks left in the season, the SJC women's basketball team has high hopes for victory. Andrea Milliser, one of the team's top scoring players, feels the team is capable of "going all the way."

"Although we are a young team," Milliser said, "we have improved so much since last year. We hold seventh place in the conference tournament, and I think we can pull our way through."

Milliser hails from Rochester, Indiana, and comes to us from Rochester High School. She has been playing the position of point guard for nine years. As a Puma, she also plays as a forward. An elementary education major and math/science minor, Milliser, a sophomore, is still unsure about what she wants to do after graduation. "All I know right now is

that I want to teach," she said.

Teammate Bethany Lahrman views Milliser as a necessity to the team. "She is very valuable to our team; her skills are important to us," she said.



Milliser suffered from an injury last season, and had surgery in the summer of 2001.

"Although she is coming off a knee injury and sometimes needs to take breaks... [Milliser] is pretty much recovered and has improved a lot since last season," Lahrman adds.

Milliser believes Lynn Plett, the former athletic director who now coaches, is an excellent mentor. "He's a great coach, easy to get along with, and open to discussing any personal problems we [the members of the women's basketball team] might have." Plett has done a good job of bringing the girls on the team closer to one another. "We are all friends," Milliser said. "We hang out all the time and get along very well."

Be sure to wish your Lady Pumas luck for their final road trip of the season on February 14th at the University of Southern Indiana, and again on the 16th at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Tennis Anyone?

The men's tennis team shows spirit and determination despite the odds against them

Melissa Genova
&
Bridget Newman

"We have won one match in two years," said Eddie Bohn of the SJC men's tennis team. The first game for this season was also an upset for the Pumas. The match was at Chicago State University, the score of 0-4 being in CSU's favor, but the team has not let up all hope.

With Donn Gobbie serving as coach this year, there have been a lot of changes for the team. Gobbie taught tennis at both the collegiate and high school level for 22 years.

The team practices during the night shift with a time slot for practice at 10 at night until midnight.

Among other changes to the team's roster, returning team members like Mark Grueter give hope to a possible win. "We got Mark Grueter. He came here second semester. He left for two years, and he is number one on the team. That gives us inspiration," said sophomore Bohn, who transferred to SJC this year.

Bohn also is impressed with the motive of the team, despite their past record. "The tennis team has good spirit," he said, "We picked up more matches this year, so we will be playing more teams. We are also going to Florida over spring break and get to play against a bunch of different colleges, including Eckard College, which is ranked in the nation. We're pretty excited about that."

The team does hope to win at least one conference match, which would allow them to play in the tournament. They are looking forward to playing the conference games, and are allowing themselves to hope for the best.

This weekend, the team is taking a road trip to Ohio to play

against Findlay and Defiance, for two matches on Feb. 16. The next home game will be on Feb. 23, and the Pumas will play against Anderson University at 10 a.m.



SJC Sports in Short...

information with a bang, kick, wham, a-par, and whack!

Women's Basketball: Although losing to Northern Kentucky University 70-92, they won against Bellarmine University on Feb. 9, and the score was 82-72. The high scorer was Heather Allen with 20 points.

Men's Basketball: The men's team unfortunately lost the match to Bellarmine University with a final score of 90-74. Brent Mason contributed 16 points to the game, giving him the most points averaged that particular game. However, they won against Northern Kentucky University with a close score of 73-70.

In men's track and field, the Pumas finished, 10th ranked, finished first place out of 12 teams at the Tiger Invitational at Depauw University.

The Women's Track and Field team, ranked 8th, finished the same invitational with second place. There were 11 teams in their category. Maurice Perkins qualified for nationals with a jump of 6.92 meters.

Men's Tennis lost their match against Chicago State University. The away game ended with a score of 0-4.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 14

Women's Basketball AWAY
University of Southern Indiana 5:15 pm

Men's Basketball AWAY
University of Southern Indiana 7:30 pm

Feb. 15

Women's Track and Field
AWAY Chicagoland Championships 4 pm

Women's Tennis AWAY
Valparaiso University (@ Homewood-Flossmoor HS)
7:30 pm

Feb. 16

Men's Track and Field
AWAY Chicagoland Championships 10 am

Men's Tennis AWAY
Findlay (Ohio) 10 am

Men's Tennis AWAY Defiance (OH) 5 pm

Baseball AWAY Mentevall (AL) - DH noon

Women's Basketball AWAY
University of Missouri - St. Louis 1 pm

Men's Basketball AWAY
University of Missouri - St. Louis 3 pm

Feb. 17

Men's Tennis AWAY
Hillsdale College 10 am

Feb. 21

Women's Basketball HOME
SIU Edwardsville 5:30 pm

Men's Basketball HOME
SIU Edwardsville 7:30 pm

Feb. 23

Women's Basketball HOME
Lewis University 1 pm

Men's Basketball HOME
Lewis University 3 pm

Men's Tennis HOME
Anderson University 10 am

Men's Tennis AWAY
Olney Central Community College (Exhibition) 3 pm

Men's Track and Field
GLVC Championships AWAY (Romeoville, IL) 10 am

Women's Track and Field
GLVC Championships AWAY (Romeoville, IL) 10 am

Errata:

Apologies to Basketball Coach Ken Carrillo, who was referred to as "Joe Carrillo" in the previous issue of The Observer

Ode to the Lecturer

I showed up
I'm here
I left a warm bed for you
I surrendered to the cold November
freeze
To come here
To listen to you
I could be lost in my dreams
I could be snug in my pajamas
I could be eating pop tarts and watch-
ing cartoons
I could've partied more last night
But I knew I had to get up
To come here
To listen to you
Teach me something
If I'm here, I'm here to learn
Find passion in what you teach
Don't talk as if the weight of the
morning were too much to bare
Don't stand still as if your morning
dose of caffeine was just not enough
today
Don't read what is on the handouts
We have a copy, too
We know what it says
Walk among us
Project your voice like you are proud
of what you have to say
You worked hard to learn what you
know
Share with me your vigor for knowl-
edge
Instill in me the rush you get from
reading and understanding the great
works of past and present
I woke up today
To come here
To listen to you
Doesn't that tell you something?

Bridget Newman

SJC Poet's Corner

never saw rain (1884)

...and my mind sets its counter

...tick tock

...tick tock ...tick tock

...tick tock

...and my body shows its mark

though everything halts
eclipsed by the fear of whats
next

...sitting & letting it happen

lives architects of dreams
they never cease to amaze me

those little builders in my head
who never say never until the end

and never give in to the ghost
of vintage gray skies

and rusted memories that never
saw rain

...so again

...and again

...and again

Jason Spangle

MY LOVE

Each and every day that I wake,
My body will tremble and my heart
will ache.

Every time that I seem to think of
him,
I cannot control the butterflies ly-
ing within.

His arms, he holds so tightly around
My body, so safe, I hear not a sound.

His voice is gentle, soft, and sweet,
Making me melt right there at his
feet.

As our lips lock, so rich and so ten-
der,
Not thinking this relationship could
ever surrender.

A boyfriend, a love, a companion, a
friend,

Believing this connection will never
come to an end.

I miss him more and more each day,
Knowing that forever, together we
will stay.

I understand what we have is genu-
ine and true,

This is why I am not afraid to say
"I Love You".

Jen Willig

VOCABULARY BOOSTERS

Use these new words to impress
your Core Professors:

Agglomerate Pronunciation: /
a-GLOM-er-at/
n : a mass or collection

tremulous Pronunciation: /
TREM-yu-lus/
adj *1:marked by
trembling or tremors
2:timorous, timid
3:exceedingly sensitive :
easily shaken or disor-
dered

laconic Pronunciation: /
le-KA-nik/
adj : using very
few words

countermand Pronunciation: /
kown-ter-MAND/
v *1:to revoke (a com-
mand) by a contrary
order 2:to recall or order
back by a superseding
contrary order

defamation Pronunciation: /
def-uh-MAY-shun/
n : damaging a reputa-
tion by making false or
malicious statements

courtesy of uselesssknowledge.com

ORIGIN OF THE WORD "MOJO"

Mojo is from Black English, first recorded in the mid-1920s. It is common throughout the South. The earliest recorded usages are in reference to the blues and jazz music. The meaning has always been magic, charm, or amulet or more broadly the power and influence derived from such a supernatural source. It is probably African in origin. Gullah (the dialect of the South Carolina Atlantic islands) has the word moco meaning witchcraft or magic. And the Fulani language of Africa has the word moco'o meaning a shaman.

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is interested in submitting
their poetry, cartoons, art
or other creative expres-
sions, e-mail Nick Schafer
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Just Think
About it...

"Two roads diverged in a
wood and I-I took the one
less traveled by, and that has
made all the difference."

Robert Frost

"He who joyfully marches in
rank and file has already
earned my contempt. He has
been given a large brain by
mistake, since for him the
spinal cord would suffice."

Albert Einstein

"Do not go where the path
may lead, go instead where
there is no path and leave a
trail."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Whenever you find yourself
on the side of the majority,
it's time to pause and re-
flect."

Mark Twain

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At the Movies with Melissa: A Look at Orange County

Melissa Genova
Editor

Premise: High School student Shaun Brumder (Colin Hanks) realizes that there is more to life than surfing when his best friend dies in a surfing accident, and after much contemplation realizes that he wants to be a writer.

He is convinced that the best atmosphere to develop his skills was Stanford University, and his GPA and Class President status nearly guarantee acceptance. But when his guidance counselor sends in the wrong transcripts, Shaun becomes desperate and will go to nearly any means, including having his drug-addicted brother Lance (Jack Black) drive him and his girlfriend (Schylar Fisk) to Stanford to speak to the Dean in person.

Review: Although I hate to use cliched terms to a movie, the term "coming of age" can be applied to the plot.

The movie is a lot more witty and intelligent than how it is presented in the market, though. The main emphasis in commercials was on Black's character. Jack Black, although his acting abilities in this movie are not pushed, is still extremely entertaining.

He goes to show that not only half-naked women can make a movie- men can do it, too! However, Black is merely a small element of the movie, although his role does serve more than comedic relief. Hardcore Black fans may, however, be disappointed in the fairly little screen time he has.

Hanks, whose role in "Orange County" I believe is his first feature role in a film, proved that he actually has talent, and not just a famous name to help him break into show business. An excellent supporting cast and cameo appearances including John Lithgow and Catherine O'Hara as his erratic parents, Lily Tomlin as the absent-minded counselor, and Kevin Kline as a Stanford professor (Ben Stiller and

Chevy Chase also make cameos as a firefighter and principal) make the movie more than a common teen flick or dumb comedy.

The actual premise is somewhat hackneyed, but is presented in a fresh manner, appealing to the MTV and coffeehouse generations. With the exception of Shaun Brumner, the characters are stereotypical and flat, but likely in an attempt to show the motivation of Brumner to leave Orange County, California. And although the characters may have been trite, they are extremely likeable, especially Brumner's surfer friends.

"Orange County" is entertaining while it lasts (it's short...around 81 minutes), and the themes and culture references presented in the movie make for great date conversation after the movie is over. It is worth the money to go and see it, but do not go in expecting it to be life-changing. It is merely fun to watch with great visuals and a good soundtrack, with a moral hidden in there somewhere.